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HAITI

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PART II -- LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTY MEMBERSHIP:

ALTHOUGH A CLANDESTINE COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION IS BELIEVED
TO EXIST, WITH TIES TO CP'S IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE, THERE
HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE OF ANY COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY WITHIN
HAITI DURING THE PAST YEAR. THE COMMUNIST PARTY IS SPECIFI-
CALLY OUTLAWED, THE THE POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF THE GOVERN-
MENT REMAINS STRONGLY ANTI-COMMUNIST. A NUMBER OF THE 105
POLITICAL PRISONERS RELEASED SEPTEMBER 22 HAD BEEN ARRESTED
FOR ALLEGED COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES, BUT THE GOH'S DEFINITION
OF PARTY AFFILIATION OR LOYALTY IS NOT RIGOROUS. THE TERM
"COMMUNIST" IS APPLIED INDISCRIMINATELY TO SUSPECTED
OPPOSITIONISTS. ONLY THREE OR FOUR OF THE ELEVEN
"SUBVERSIVES" EXILED SEPTEMBER 25 HAVE CONFIRMED
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COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

PART III -- DIPLOMATIC, CONSULAR AND TRADE MISSION
RELATIONSHIPS WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES:

THE ONLY COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT REPRESENTED IN HAITI
CONTINUES TO BE THAT OF POLAND. ITS LEGATION CONSISTS

OF A RESIDENT CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND A MINISTER SIDE-ACCREDITED FROM CARACAS. (UNCLASSIFIED)
HAITI AND CUBA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IN HAVANA OCTOBER 27 DELIMITING THE MARITIME BOUNDARIES BETWEEN THE TWO STATES. THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THIS ACCORD WERE THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT SUBSTANTIVE CONTACT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN EIGHTEEN YEARS. ALTHOUGH THE CUBANS SUGGESTED THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH HAITI, THE GOH REMAINS FEARFUL OF CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY INFLUENCE AND DID NOT ENCOURAGE THE SUGGESTION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

PART IV A -- CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES:

THERE ARE NO CULTURAL OR EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN HAITI AND ANY COMMUNIST COUNTRY. THE HAITIAN NATIONAL SOCCER TEAM PLAYED A REGIONAL QUALIFICATION MATCH FOR THE WORLD CUP IN HAVANA IN NOVEMBER 1976 AND THE CUBAN TEAM PLAYED A RETURN MATCH IN PORT-AU-PRINCE THE FOLLOWING MONTH. (THE HAITIANS FINALLY PREVAILED IN A THIRD MATCH ON NEUTRAL GROUND.) (UNCLASSIFIED)

PART IV B -- INFORMATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN EXCHANGES:

RADIO HAVANA, AND POSSIBLY ALSO RADIO MOSCOW, CONTINUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BROADCAST TO HAITI IN CREOLE. RADIO HAVANA BROADCASTS LAST ONE-HALF IN EARLY MORNING AND AN HOUR IN THE EARLY EVENING. ALTHOUGH SOME HAITIANS LISTEN TO THESE PROGRAMS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF LISTENERS. THEY ARE RARELY COMMENTED ON BY HAITIANS AND THEIR EFFECTIVENESS WOULD APPEAR TO BE LOW. THE HAVANA BROADCASTS ARE PREDICTABLY ANTI-GOH AND ANTI-AMERICAN IN CONTENT. (UNCLASSIFIED)
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